श्री जयन्तीलाल वीरचन्दभाई शाह : इसका टार्गेट तो 18 मिलियन टन निर्धारित किया गया है जिसमें खरीफ 10 मिलियन टन और रबी का हमने 8 मिलियन टन का लक्ष्य रखा है ।

SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: This Ministry has no integrted policy regarding the export and import of oil-seeds. Coconut is the backbone of Kerala's economy. And if I put *a* question about import and export of coconut I expect the Minister would rise and say, "It does not pertain to my Ministry". But ultimately the question is: What is the policy of this Government? When import or export of oils and 6il-seeds products is done, are the concerned State Goverments consulted, when such action is taken about oil-seeds " and produces of oil-seeds? I would like the Deputy Prime Minister to answer because it is a question which pertains to the entire policy of the Governments

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think, Mr. Sreedharan, you yourself were a Minister *pi* Commerce, it does not come under the Ministry of Agriculture: it comes under the Ministry of which you were in charge earlier. It does not come under the Ministry of Agriculture.

. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: You have not got my question. The question is when a decision is taken to export or import oil-seeds or oilseeds products, whether the Ministry of Agriculture consults the Minis-ry of Commerce or give directions to the Ministry of Commerce so that the oil-seeds of a particular State are not adversely affected.

'MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you import or export oil? They don't. You do it... SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARA'N: When complaint was made that as a rest of the import of. conocnut oil the ntire State was adversely affect it was brought to the notice of the Agriculture Ministry also. What steps were taken to ask the Commerce Ministry not to do this anti-social activity?

• MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sreedharan, you have said "also".

SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: We did not permit it in V. P. Singh Government; it was a Ministry for . the people, for the agriculturists.

. Decline in the Room occupancy rate in the ITDC Hotels

*123. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to. state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the room occupancy rate in the ITDC Hotels has gone down this year as compared to that during the last thre . years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Marketing Division of the ITDC to counteract the low occupancy of foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM «SMT. USHA SINGH): (a) The average room occupancy of ITDC's 25 owned hotels has registered a decline of 7 per cent during the financial year 1990-91 (up to Nov. 90) as compared, to the same period in 1989-90 and 1988-89 arid a decline of 6 | per cent as compared to 1987-88.

(b) The overall prevailing situation in the country and its advers publicity abroad are the main reasons.

(c) The following steps have been taken by the Hotels Sales Division of the ITDC to improve the occu- . pancy of foreign tourists: —

(a) Sponsoring familiarisation tours of foreign travel agents and travel writers to India.

(b) Aggressive marketing in Travel Trade Fairs like ITB Berlin ASTA FITUR WTM etc. and sales promotion in select countries abroad.

i (c) Signing of special rate contract with foreign tour operators by offering incentives on Volume business, to encourage group tourism.

(d) Establishing direct contact with major tour operators and travel agents abroad for promoting traffic to India.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, the point is that the Minister ad mits that there has been a decline in the occupancy, of the ITDC hotels. She is candid and she has accepted that there is a decline in the occu pancy. But while discussing the rea sons for it, it is made to appear as if there has been a- decline in the flow of tourists and because of the decline in the tourist inflow the occupancy rate has declined. That is what she means. But my point is that the hotel rooms are occupied not only by the foreign tourists, but also by the Indian citizens. They are not meant for them only and they are not tou rist hotels. Therefore, the question that is important is that the decline in occupancy cannot be directly rela ted only to the decline in the inflow of tourists, but it has to be related- to the decline in the services render ed. Everybody knows that the ITDC hotels are in a total mess. The management is corrupt, the services have gone down, the standard of food has gone down and there has been a persistent complaint and the Govern ment has been turning a deaf ear to the complaints about the deteriorat ing service conditions in the ITDC hotels. Therefore, I would like to request the Minister to tell me whe ther this decline in the occupancy is due to the decline of standards and the rise in costs and, if so, whether the Government has looked into it and what the Government proposes- to do to bring about improvements in the service conditions of the ITDC hotels.

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Do you suggest privatization of the ITDC hotels? . 'SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: will answer you after the Minister has answered my question.

श्रीमती उषा सिंह : सभापति महोदय, यह विवरण सभा के पटल पर रखा है, उसमें आकूपेंसी प्रतिशत में कमी आई है । फारेरन टूरिस्ट्स हमारे आते थे उनकी इसमें आकूपेंसी बहुत ज्यादा थी जो कि पिछले साल की कानून व्यवस्था की गड़बड़ियों के कारण बहुत ही कम हो गई है । अभी मैंने सदन को बताया कि उसमें सात प्रतिशत की कमी आई है माननीय सभापति महोदय यह मैं मानती हूं कि इस होटल की कंडी-शंज खराब थी उनके रख-रखाव पर खर्च नहीं किये गये थे और पिछले 20 वर्षों से होटल के कमरों के रेनोवेशन नहीं हुए थे, आज रेनोवेशन के काम चल रहे हैं और बहुत जल्दी ही उसका काम खत्म किया जाएगा ।

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Then she admits that there is a, dec line because for the past twenty years there' has been no innovation at all. Sir,.... *(Interruptions)*... The Minister admits it and I thank her for this plain statement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Don't put words into the mouth of the Minister. She said that there has been no renovation and not 'innovation'.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir lack of innovation also leads to decline in standards.

MR. CHAIRMAN: True. But she has said that there has been no renovation only.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, recently there was a statement' from our Deputy Prime Minister in the Press that he would welcome even the ill-clad persons to occupy the rooms in the ITDC hotels. This is what has appeared in the Press; I do not know. It seems that *he* has said that they can occupy these hot at a concessional rate. I would Iike t_0 know whether, in view of the i_t that there has been a decline in occupancy $_0$f rooms in the • ITD hotels, the Government proposes to allow reduced rates for the lower-middle class or middle-class people

or for the peasants as has been suggested by the Deputy Prime Minister. This is part (a) of my question.

I now come to part (b) of my question Is it true that the services' rendered and the conditions in these ITDC hotels are deteriorating because of the worsening industrial relations?

The trade unions have been complaining for a long time that the management does not sit with them and the management is trying to privatise some part of services. My supplementary (b) will be: What steps would the Government like to take to improve the industrial relations in the ITDC hotels?

श्री देवी लाल : चेयरमैन साहब, जहां तक आमदनी की कमी का ताल्लुक हैं यह गंडल और कमंडल की वजह से हैं और जहां तक गरीब किसानों को जो सहायता देकर के उन्हें यह दिखाना हैं कि यह तुम्हारे खून पसीने से बनाया है। इसलिये मैंने 25 फीसदी उसी इलाके के लोगों के लिये किया हैं, यह भी वहां रहने के लिये, दो दिन वहां जायें बृहस्पति और शुक्रवार को ताकि वह हमें आकर बतायें। आपकी बतायी हुई बात का हमें पता नहीं चलता, वह सही बात बतायेंगे कारण क्या हैं? कमी क्या है?

श्री सभापति : चौधरी साहब, वह यह कह रहे हैं कि दूसरे जो तल्लुकात इंडस्ट्रियल रिलेशंस हैं उनको इम्प्रूव करने के लिये आप कुछ करेंगे। वहां के जो एम्पलाई हैं उनके साथ संबंध अच्छे नहीं हैं।

श्री देवी लाल : उनके लिये अच्छे ताल्लुकात रखे जायेंगे हम यही कोशिश करेंगे।

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Sir, it has been announced, as he just now said, that in order to help the farmers, on certain days or in certain costumes like a dhoti, they, would get 50 per cent concession. Sir, what about sarees? (Interruptions) Does the Deputy Prime Minister think that only men should get concession or does he think- that' women also should get concession in hotels? *(Interruptions)* Let there be no discrimination started on the basis of dhotis and on the basis of -costumes Sir, does dhoti include 'lungi' which is used in the south or does in include sari which is used... *(Interruptions)* And what about those who use 'pathanis' as their outfits? How can you charge people on the basis of particular costumes? And why is he so against women going into ITDC ' hotels with saris or anything else? Secondly, I would like the hon. Minister to realise that the guidelines of the Government itself are that official entertainment shall not take place in 5-star hotels. ITDC hotels were catering to Government guests and official banquets or entertainment. What is happening now is that Government entertainment itself is moving out of ITDC hotels into smaller private hotels because of the 5-star ban. The Finance Minister has issued these guidelines. Would • the hon. Minister consider, exempting ITDC hotels from this ban so that-your own hotels, in spite of fall in . occupancy, will be able at least to make some profit on account of Government entertainment ■ which is now going to smaller private hotels?

श्री देवी लाल : चेयरमैन साहब; जहां तक धोती और कुर्ते का ताल्लुक हैं और साड़ी का ताल्लुक है, धोती और कुर्ते वालों के साथ साड़ी वाले नहीं आयेंगे, बिकरिए वाले आयेंगे और.... **(व्यवधान)**

श्रीमती मारग्रेट आल्वा : हम अपने आप जाना चाहते हैं, किसी के साथ नहीं जाना चाहते हैं?

श्री देवीलाल वह अपने आप पहचाने जायेंगे।

श्री देवी लाल : वहां गांव की जो महि-[illegible] धोती

MR. CHAIRMAN: You go there with a person with a dhoti

हो पता चल जायगा। इसलिये काइ [illegible] पता नहीं है। हम यह कहें या न कहें। आटोमेटिकली फायदा होगा।

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says that the ladies should go with an escort.

श्री देवीलाल : चेयरमैन साहब, इस बारे में.... (व्यवधान)

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Why should we go only with *dhoti-walas (Interruptions)* We want " to go on our own. *(. Interruptions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have not understood him. H_e wants to give concession to poorer village people. That is all.

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : अगर कोई लहंगा पहनकर महिला जाना चाहे तो क्या करेगी ?

श्री देवी लाल : चेयरमैन साहब, मैं इस बारे में भी कहता हूं कि इस सवाल को महिलायें बड़े जोरों से उठायेंगी कि देवीलाल महिलाओं के खिलाफ हैं । पहले भी सवाल उठाया था । लेकिन मैं इनको यह याद करा दूं कि पिछली दफा हमारे हरियाणा से यहां तीन रिप्रेजेंटेटिव आये थे । इन तीनों में से दो हमारे आये थे । मैं इस एक्सप्लायटेशन को बन्द करना चाहता हूं कि शहर की महिला जाकर के अपनी मर्जी से.... (व्यवधान) यह जो धोती और कुर्ते वालों की महिलायें हैं वह वैसे ही आयेंगी और वह अकेली नहीं आती हैं हमारे यहां ।

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARA$_r$ JAN: What is all this, Sir?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, why is he against women going to a hotel alone? *(Interrutions)*

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir this is not funny. This is not a joke. Sir, we object strongly. How dare he say this about the women in the town? This is not funny. Let him take it back.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have not followed what he said.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Let him take it back.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I did not follow what he said. Have you followed?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: We followed what he said. We will not allow this on the floor of the Parliament., Let him take it back. *(Interruptions).*

श्री सभापति : उनको यह ख्याल है कि आप यह कह रहे हैं कि महिलायें होटल में अकेली नहीं जा सकतीं ।

श्री देवी लाल : मैं यह कह रहा हूं कि गांव की महिलायें अकेली नहीं आया करतीं वह धोती-कुर्ते वालों के साथ ही आया करती हैं.... (व्यवधान)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARA-JAN: Why should we go along with them? Let him take it back. It is absolutely atrocious, Sir.

श्री सभापति : महिला मंत्री जवाब दे रही हैं आप महिला को सुनिये... (व्यवधान)

श्री देवी लाल : अकेले आने में कोई बुराई नहीं है । हमारी महिलायें भी इतनी तरह पढ़ लिख जायेंगी, थोड़ी सी सूझ-बूझ हो जायेगी तो वे आयेंगी । मैं इसको बुरा नहीं मानता लेकिन मैं... (व्यवधान)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, you tell him to sit down. We do not want to hear what he is saying.

श्री देवी लाल : मैंने यह पहले ही कह दिया था... (व्यवधान)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARA-JAN: We do not want to. hear his views on women.

श्री देवी लाल : मैंने यह पहले ही कह दिया था कि इस बात को एक्सप्लायेट तो करेंगे.... (व्यवधान) मैंने यह पहले ही कह दिया था कि इस बात को यह एक्सप्लायेट जरूर करेंगी और पहले भी ... (व्यवधान)

श्री अरविन्द गणेश कुलकर्णी : यह गांव वाली महिलायें नहीं हैं यह हरियाणवीं ... **(व्यवधान)**

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Mr. Devi Lal is a male chauvinist. *(Interruptions)*

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, please expunge whatever the Deputy Prime Minister. has said.

श्री देवी लाल : मेरी बहनों को अगर यह बात बुरी लगी हैं तो मैं चाहता हूं कि यह सारे शब्द निकाल दिये जायें।

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, Mr. Devi Lal. must know that these are modern mahilas, not the gaonwali mahilas. *(Interruptions)*

श्री सभापति : पहले मंत्री जी को सुनिए, वे क्या कह रहे हैं.... **(व्यवधान)**

श्री देवीलाल : मेरी बात को सुनिए। मैं दो मिनट में आपके सामने सारी बात क्लियर कर दूंगा.... **(व्यवधान)**

श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं चाहती हूं कि ये अपने उद्गार वापस ले लें .... **(व्यवधान)**

श्री देवी लाल : मेरे यह कहने से... **(व्यवधान)**

श्री सभापति : वह क्या कह रहे हैं सुन तो लीजिए... **(व्यवधान)**

श्री देवी लाल : मेरे कहने की मंशा यह थी कि आजकल पढ़ी लिखी महिलाएं तो बहुत आगे बढ़ चुकी हैं पर देहात की महिलाएं उतनी आगे नहीं आई हैं। अगर इसके मतलब को उन्होंने बुरा समझा हैं, तो मैं अपनी बहनों से कह रहा हूं कि मैं अपने लफ्ज वापस लेता हूं।

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, he must apologise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are not. ! permitting lady Minister to speak!

श्रीमती ऊषा सिंह : माननीय सभापति महोदय, बात कुछ और थी पर कहीं और चली गई... **(व्यवधान)**

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, I want to ask a supplementary. MR. CHAIRMAN: No, I will not permit.

श्रीमती ऊषा सिंह : महिलाओं को जहां तक दर्जा देने का सवाल है, प्रश्न यह था कि हमारे जो होटल हैं, उसमें जो गरीब तबके के लोग आते हैं, उनको भी रेस्टोरेंट्स में रियायत दी जाएगी। कहने का तात्पर्य यह था। इससे पूर्व के प्रश्न के जवाब में यह बताना चाहूंगी कि अभी तक हमारे पर्यटन विभाग से संबंधित कोई कंसलटेटिव कमेटी या एडवाईजरी कमेटी नहीं है। अतः हम एक महीने के अंदर कंसलटेटिव कमेटी और दो महीनों के अंदर एडवाईजरी कमेटी बनाएंगे और इसमें ज्यादा से ज्यादा महिलाओं को रखेंगे ताकि वे एडवाइज दे सकें।

*124. *[The questioner (Shri N. E. Balaram) was absent. For answer vide cols.* 32-33 *infra]*

*125. [The *questioner (Shri* V. *Gopalsamy and Shri R. Ganesan were absent. For answer,* Vide cols. 32-33 *infra]*

Decline in Tourism due to worsening . Communal situation

*126. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the worsening communal situation in the country tourism in places like Agra has suffered severely; and

(b) if so, the action Government ' propose to take so that tourism in "Visit India Year" 1991, achieves the expected target? *.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) There 'has been a • decline in foreign tourist traffic to places like Agra during ■ 1990 due to various re-asons including communal tensions in some parts of the country.

(b) The Government has initiated several measures to augment tourism infrastructural facilities and to im prove the image of India in the over seas markets as a holiday destination.